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1 inch.	2.00	5.00	10.00	18.00	36.00
2 "	3.50	7.50	15.00	27.00	54.00
3 "	5.00	10.00	20.00	36.00	72.00
4 "	6.50	12.50	25.00	45.00	90.00
5 "	8.00	15.00	30.00	54.00	108.00
6 "	9.50	17.50	35.00	63.00	126.00
7 "	11.00	20.00	40.00	72.00	144.00
8 "	12.50	22.50	45.00	81.00	162.00
9 "	14.00	25.00	50.00	90.00	180.00
10 "	15.50	27.50	55.00	99.00	198.00
11 "	17.00	30.00	60.00	108.00	216.00
12 "	18.50	32.50	65.00	117.00	234.00
13 "	20.00	35.00	70.00	126.00	252.00
14 "	21.50	37.50	75.00	135.00	270.00
15 "	23.00	40.00	80.00	144.00	288.00
16 "	24.50	42.50	85.00	153.00	306.00
17 "	26.00	45.00	90.00	162.00	324.00
18 "	27.50	47.50	95.00	171.00	342.00
19 "	29.00	50.00	100.00	180.00	360.00
20 "	30.50	52.50	105.00	189.00	378.00
21 "	32.00	55.00	110.00	198.00	396.00
22 "	33.50	57.50	115.00	207.00	414.00
23 "	35.00	60.00	120.00	216.00	432.00
24 "	36.50	62.50	125.00	225.00	450.00
25 "	38.00	65.00	130.00	234.00	468.00
26 "	39.50	67.50	135.00	243.00	486.00
27 "	41.00	70.00	140.00	252.00	504.00
28 "	42.50	72.50	145.00	261.00	522.00
29 "	44.00	75.00	150.00	270.00	540.00
30 "	45.50	77.50	155.00	279.00	558.00
31 "	47.00	80.00	160.00	288.00	576.00
32 "	48.50	82.50	165.00	297.00	594.00
33 "	50.00	85.00	170.00	306.00	612.00
34 "	51.50	87.50	175.00	315.00	630.00
35 "	53.00	90.00	180.00	324.00	648.00
36 "	54.50	92.50	185.00	333.00	666.00
37 "	56.00	95.00	190.00	342.00	684.00
38 "	57.50	97.50	195.00	351.00	702.00
39 "	59.00	100.00	200.00	360.00	720.00
40 "	60.50	102.50	205.00	369.00	738.00
41 "	62.00	105.00	210.00	378.00	756.00
42 "	63.50	107.50	215.00	387.00	774.00
43 "	65.00	110.00	220.00	396.00	792.00
44 "	66.50	112.50	225.00	405.00	810.00
45 "	68.00	115.00	230.00	414.00	828.00
46 "	69.50	117.50	235.00	423.00	846.00
47 "	71.00	120.00	240.00	432.00	864.00
48 "	72.50	122.50	245.00	441.00	882.00
49 "	74.00	125.00	250.00	450.00	900.00
50 "	75.50	127.50	255.00	459.00	918.00
51 "	77.00	130.00	260.00	468.00	936.00
52 "	78.50	132.50	265.00	477.00	954.00
53 "	80.00	135.00	270.00	486.00	972.00
54 "	81.50	137.50	275.00	495.00	990.00
55 "	83.00	140.00	280.00	504.00	1008.00
56 "	84.50	142.50	285.00	513.00	1026.00
57 "	86.00	145.00	290.00	522.00	1044.00
58 "	87.50	147.50	295.00	531.00	1062.00
59 "	89.00	150.00	300.00	540.00	1080.00
60 "	90.50	152.50	305.00	549.00	1098.00
61 "	92.00	155.00	310.00	558.00	1116.00
62 "	93.50	157.50	315.00	567.00	1134.00
63 "	95.00	160.00	320.00	576.00	1152.00
64 "	96.50	162.50	325.00	585.00	1170.00
65 "	98.00	165.00	330.00	594.00	1188.00
66 "	99.50	167.50	335.00	603.00	1206.00
67 "	101.00	170.00	340.00	612.00	1224.00
68 "	102.50	172.50	345.00	621.00	1242.00
69 "	104.00	175.00	350.00	630.00	1260.00
70 "	105.50	177.50	355.00	639.00	1278.00
71 "	107.00	180.00	360.00	648.00	1296.00
72 "	108.50	182.50	365.00	657.00	1314.00
73 "	110.00	185.00	370.00	666.00	1332.00
74 "	111.50	187.50	375.00	675.00	1350.00
75 "	113.00	190.00	380.00	684.00	1368.00
76 "	114.50	192.50	385.00	693.00	1386.00
77 "	116.00	195.00	390.00	702.00	1404.00
78 "	117.50	197.50	395.00	711.00	1422.00
79 "	119.00	200.00	400.00	720.00	1440.00
80 "	120.50	202.50	405.00	729.00	1458.00
81 "	122.00	205.00	410.00	738.00	1476.00
82 "	123.50	207.50	415.00	747.00	1494.00
83 "	125.00	210.00	420.00	756.00	1512.00
84 "	126.50	212.50	425.00	765.00	1530.00
85 "	128.00	215.00	430.00	774.00	1548.00
86 "	129.50	217.50	435.00	783.00	1566.00
87 "	131.00	220.00	440.00	792.00	1584.00
88 "	132.50	222.50	445.00	801.00	1602.00
89 "	134.00	225.00	450.00	810.00	1620.00
90 "	135.50	227.50	455.00	819.00	1638.00
91 "	137.00	230.00	460.00	828.00	1656.00
92 "	138.50	232.50	465.00	837.00	1674.00
93 "	140.00	235.00	470.00	846.00	1692.00
94 "	141.50	237.50	475.00	855.00	1710.00
95 "	143.00	240.00	480.00	864.00	1728.00
96 "	144.50	242.50	485.00	873.00	1746.00
97 "	146.00	245.00	490.00	882.00	1764.00
98 "	147.50	247.50	495.00	891.00	1782.00
99 "	149.00	250.00	500.00	900.00	1800.00
100 "	150.50	252.50	505.00	909.00	1818.00

Marriage and Death Notices fifty cts. Obituaries will be charged at advertisement rates, for notices over four lines.

Transient advertisements will be inserted at lower rates, viz: \$1 for the first insertion of one square, of eight lines or less, and twenty-five cents for each subsequent insertion.

For Special Notices or City Items 15 cts. per line for the first insertion, and eight cents per line for each subsequent insertion will be charged.

**ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.**—The celebration of this love-letter day is so well understood and warmly welcomed by a large proportion of the people of this country, the manner of its commemoration is so nearly similar every where within the shadow of the legislative halls and in the camp of the troops, who forget not the loved ones at home—that an explanation of its observance among us is unnecessary. Still it is interesting to refer to it briefly.

The custom of celebrating St. Valentine's day, as in our own time, is variously traced by ecclesiastical and profane writers. According to some, we derive the practice from a very old tradition that the birds of the air choose their mates on that day. In connection with this subject of choosing a mate, here is some advice that may be followed by all the fair ones:

Heed not the pop, who loves himself,  
Nor let the rake your love obtain;  
Choose not the miser for his pelf,  
The drunkard heed with cold disdain:  
The profligate with caution shun,  
His race of ruin soon is run,  
To none of these your heart incline,  
Nor choose from them a Valentine.

But should some generous youth appear,  
Whose honest mind is void of art,  
Who shall his Maker's laws revere  
And serve him with a willing heart—  
Who owns fair virtue for his guide,  
Nor from her precepts turns aside—  
To him at once your heart resign,  
And bless your faithful Valentine.

**SAVE THE SUDS.**—The Massachusetts Ploughman, in an article on "soap suds" says, that the value of this article as a stimulant of vegetable life, cannot be too highly appreciated. It contains, it says, the element of plants in a state of ready solution, and when applied, acts not only with immediate and obvious effect, but with a sustained energy which pertains to low even of the most concentrated manures. When it is not convenient to apply it in irrigation, the most economical method, perhaps, of using it, the article goes on to say—it should be absorbed by some materials which may be used as an ingredient in the compost heap. Sods, muck and other similar articles should be deposited where the suds from the sink and laundry may find its way to them and be absorbed for the benefit of crops. In this way several loads of manure very suitable for the support and sustenance of any crop, may be made at comparatively small expense. The highly putrescent character of this fermentable liquid qualifies it admirably for the irrigation of compost heaps of whatever material composed. Being a potent fertilizer, it must necessarily impart additional richness to almost any material to which it may be added. The article concludes with an appeal to all farmers and gardeners to "try, and mark the result."

**MR. IMPACHER ASHLEY**, who is not Governor of Montana, defends his anti-slavery record in a letter just published. The impeacher claims that he was always in favor of a "negro republic" with the aid, and under the protection of the United States, to be formed, before the late war, by taking possession of Cuba, Hayti, Jamaica and adjacent islands and Central America, and transferring all the slaves to those countries. He still thinks that the policy of the republican party is, by an ultimate separation of the white and black races to secure the liberty and happiness of both, though he does not think that any man would now be in favor of forcing the negro out of this country. He says he has never believed in extending the ballot to all classes, but always favored giving the right of suffrage to those who only are well qualified to sustain a republican form of government, and this is not true of many negroes, Indians and Chinese.

**DUTY WALKS FOR WINTER.**—We should be remiss in our duty were we to neglect, at this season of the year, to repeat our counsel as to the great comfort and convenience which dry walks insure about dwellings, barns and out-houses generally in winter and early spring. We are pained sometimes to see the utter negligence prevailing upon some premises in this respect. A few old boards, or a dollars' worth or two of new boards, nice flat stones, or a liberal supply of coal ashes would save ten times the cost in shoe leather, damp feet, colds, doctors' bills and loss of time. Coal ashes laid on dry ground to the depth of three or four inches after removing the mud, make a first-rate walk and they can be put in no better use.

**SURPRISED MURDER.**—A seaman named Alexander came to New York city from New Orleans in September, 1868, and took lodgings at the boarding house of John C. Gardner. He had appeared sane and sane, and with him a large sum of money—nearly \$60,000—in government bonds. Subsequently his body was discovered in Greenwood Cemetery, buried under a false name. The contents of the stomach were placed in the hands of Dr. Doremus for examination. In consequence of his report, the Gardner family was on Monday night arrested, charged with the murder of Capt. Alexander. Their condition of the has apparently improved very much lately.

**PURK WINE AND LIQUORS**, for medicinal purposes, for sale by  
**AVERY & DAVIDSON,**  
220 King st., cor. Alfred.

**GROCERIES.**  
**W. M. F. BROOKES,**  
[Successor to Brookes & Taylor,]  
FAMILY GROCER,  
Corner Pitt and Prince streets,  
And Dealer in  
Fine Teas, Coffees, Sugars, Pickles, American and English, Canned Goods, Tobacco, Nuts, Raisins, etc., etc.

N. B.—All orders from the country shall receive prompt attention

**GROCERIES.**  
Having just returned from the North, where I, with great care, have selected a very choice lot of GROCERIES, consisting of every article found in the grocery line, I would invite a call from my friends and the public generally. In my stock can be found—

Sugars, Teas and Coffees, of all grades, Brandy, Wines, Whiskies, &c., Foreign and Domestic.  
Preserved Fruits, in cans and jars.  
Jellies, Sauces, Catsups, &c.  
American Pickles, in jars and bbls.  
Also Cress and Blackwell's Pickles.  
Flour—Fine, Super, Extra and Family.  
Tobacco—Smoking and Chewing, of all kinds.  
Cigars and Cigarettes, of the finest quality.  
Sausages—Common, Patent and Tinned.  
Syrops and Molasses.  
Fine Salts, in sacks, small bags and boxes.  
Candles—Sperma, Adamantine and Tallow.  
Vinegar—Common, Cider and White Wine.  
Vegetables, in cans and jars.

Nuts—Walnuts, Peaches, Almonds, &c.  
Boxed Fruits, such as Citron, Pies and Raisins, in quarter, half and whole boxes; also, Seedless Raisins, Dates, Mince Meat and Currants.  
A large lot of Wood and Willow Ware, Brooms, Country and Sugar cured, covered and uncovered.  
Shoulders, Breast Pies and Sides.  
And every other article found in a first-class grocery store, and which I purpose to sell cheap for cash. Give me a call.  
GEO. L. FRATON,  
179 King street.

**RECKER.** Dealer in  
GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, WINES, LIQUORS, &c., &c.  
Cor. King and St. Asaph sts.  
Country Produce bought at the highest market price.  
Goods delivered to any part of the city free of charge.  
my 8-11

**WM. RAMSAY,**  
(Successor to Hough & Ramsay,)  
GROCER,  
And Dealer in Fine Teas, Tobacco, Cigars, Canned Goods, English and American Pickles, Sauces, Jellies, &c.  
437 King street.  
Personal attention given to orders from the country.  
jan 18-11

**G. SWAINE,**  
No. 22 North Royal st.,  
[Two doors south of old stand,]  
Has on hand and is constantly receiving fresh invoices of  
GROCERIES, WINES & LIQUORS,  
which he will sell cheap for cash.  
to 26

**J. CLINTON MILBURN,**  
FAMILY GROCER,  
And Dealer in the TEAS, WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS and CIGARETTES.  
Cor. Cameron and Royal sts.,  
Alexandria, Va.  
Particular attention paid to the selection of choice Flour and Teas.  
my 28-11

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AT BERRY'S**  
IN GREAT VARIETY.  
Ladies' Lace Collars, Cuffs and Handkerchiefs, real and imitation; French embroidered, sets in beautiful patterns.  
Also, all kinds of Linen Collars, Cuffs and Handkerchiefs.  
Silk and Satin Sashes of all kinds; Colors and widths; Silk and Satin Sashes; Toys; Roman and Plain Bows in different patterns.  
All kinds of DOLLS; French Patent and Unpatented Leather Doll Heads; Beautiful Wax Dolls with waxen curls, and of all sizes and at all prices.  
Several new novelties in the TOY LINE—Bohemian Toilet Sets and Vases; Work Boxes and Writing Desks of beautiful workmanship; China Cups and Saucers, Tea and Dinner Sets, Match Boxes, Soap Dishes, Watch Cases, Wax Figures and Card Baskets.  
JEWELRY in endless variety: Perfumed Necklaces and Sets; Bracelets, Arab and Shawl Pins, Sleeve Buttons and Watch Chains, Agate Bracelets, Jet, Coral and many other kinds of Sets.  
Singer Stands, Slipper Patterns in plain and tufted work; Lubin's, Barney's, Plaston's and other popular Perfumes; English and French Hair Brushes, fancy and plain back, and all articles pertaining to the toilet, all of which are sold at very low prices. Call and examine.  
[dec 14] C. C. BERRY, 72 King st.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS.**  
E. J. MILLER  
Has just received an unusually large and beautiful assortment of  
GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS,  
consisting of Plain White and Gold Band China, Dinner Sets; do. Tea Sets.  
Decorated French China Vases.  
Rich Old and Combed Mugs and Coffee.  
Parian Statuettes.  
Vases.  
Match Boxes.  
Bohemian Glass Vases, very rich and elegant.  
Linen Collars, Cuffs, Handkerchiefs, Cylinders, Buttons and Mugs, and TOYS for children in great variety, all of which are offered at very low prices. Call and see them at  
dec 15-11 65 King street.

**NOTICE.**  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 7, 1870.—In pursuance of the terms of the charter of the Potomac Iron Company, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stockholders of the said Company will be held at the office of Samuel Wagoner, Jr., Esq., No. 23 south Third street, in the city of Philadelphia, on MONDAY, the seventeenth day of January, instant, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing Directors, and for the transaction of other business as the interest of the Company may require.  
By order of the Directors:  
DAVID LONGENECKER, Pres.  
Philadelphia, Jan 8-61

**HAY! HAY! HAY!**  
In store and arriving daily Fifty tons of clear TIMOTHY HAY. For sale by the load, bale or bushel, by  
JAS. K. HENDERSON,  
Theatre Building.  
dec 10

**NOTICE.**  
From this date we offer our stock of GROCERIES at reduced rates for cash.  
J. GRIGG, 120 King st.

**FOR RENT.**—The STORE on the southwest corner of King and Water streets, now occupied by Gwin, Beckham & Co. Possession given the 1st of January, 1870. Apply to  
dec 28-11 H. O. CLAUGHTON.

**SETH ARNOLD'S BALSA.** Wishart's Tea Caddy, Ayer's Cherry Peppermint, Hunsbells' Cough Remedy, Jagne's Expecterant, and several other well-known and reliable remedies for  
JANNEY & CO.

**MAKEREL.** Nos. 1, 2 and 3—by the barrel, 80 cts. per dozen.  
W. M. F. BROOKES,  
106 Prince street.  
jan 4

**YAKMOUTH BLOATERS.** A delicious smoked herring, received and for sale by  
AVERY & DAVIDSON,  
220 King st., cor. Alfred.  
dec 18

**ROLL BUTTER.**—One 50 lb prime Roll Butter just received by  
J. CLINTON MILBURN.  
dec 8

**BANKERS.**  
JOHN W. BURKE. ARTHUR HERBERT  
BANKERS AND BROKERS,  
OFFICE—CORNER KING AND WATER STS.,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

**BUY AND SELL**  
**UNCURRENT MONEY,**  
**GOLD AND SILVER COIN,**  
**AND EXCHANGE.**  
Bought and sold on commission.  
Loans negotiated, Sight Drafts, Checks and Time Bills collected on all accessible points, and remitted for promptly.  
U. S. Revenue Stamps, and Corporation Tax Certificates of Alexandria always on hand and for sale.  
nov 11-11

**WILMER D. CORSE & CO.,**  
Nos. 57 & 59, King st.,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
WILL DEAL IN  
DOMESTIC EXCHANGE, GOLD AND  
SILVER COIN, UNCURRENT  
MONEY, RAILROAD  
BONDS, &c., &c.  
GOVERNMENT BONDS and other securities bought and sold on commission.  
Collections made on all accessible points in the United States, and proceeds promptly remitted. Int. Rev. Stamps for sale. sep 1

**LEGAL NOTICES.**  
VIRGINIA, to wit:—In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, January 1st, 1870: Flora A. Hunter, by Watson Kector, her next friend, vs. William Hunter, defendant. In Chancery.  
Memo. The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the plaintiff, Flora A. Hunter, from the defendant, William Hunter.  
It appearing by affidavit filed that the said defendant is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that he appear here within one month after due publication, hereto, and do what is necessary to protect his interest. A copy, tested:  
JOH. HAWKINS, Clerk.  
R. H. Cockerill, p. q. jan 6-1aw4w

**ONE PRICE ONLY!**  
"NO MAN'S IGNORANCE OF GOODS  
TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF."  
ALL GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN  
FIGURES.  
FINE FIRST-CLASS GARMENTS,  
Ready Made or to order at  
A. SAKS & CO'S.,  
No. 517 SEVENTH STREET,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**  
Washington, dec 15-11

**CHRISTMAS 1869.**  
**AVERY & DAVIDSON,**  
225 King street, cor. Alfred.  
Announce that, to meet the wants of the approaching Holidays, they have made large additions to their stock of  
CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES,  
and are now prepared to offer an assortment which in variety and prices cannot be excelled. We name in part—  
Laver Raisins, whole, half and quarter boxes.  
Valencia Raisins, New Orleans.  
New Currants, Fisher's Mince Meat.  
Sweet Gels, Flavoring Extracts.  
Pure Spices, Preserved Ginger.  
Canned Fruits and Vegetables.  
Sardines, English and American Pickles, &c., &c.  
AT VERY LOW PRICES.  
dec 13

**WINE AND LIQUORS.**  
Jamaica Spirits, Madeira Wine, Sherry Wine, Port Wine, French Brandy, Holland Gin, Cooking Wines, "Baker," "Thompson," "Hanger," "Zaigler," "Drake" and other choice brands of Whiskies. An examination of goods solicited.  
AVERY & DAVIDSON,  
225 King st., cor. Alfred.  
dec 13

**10 000 POUNDS CHOICE FAMILY BACON.**  
I have on hand and offer for sale 10,000 lbs of CHOICE FAMILY BACON, of my own curing,